



155363

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-4431

H. Scott Laird, P.G.
Project Manager
Woodward-Clyde Consultants
5120 Butler Pike
Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19426

June 22, 1994

Re: Background Sampling Locations
Former Koppers Co. Inc., Site
Newport, Delaware

Dear Mr. Laird:

As discussed during our meeting held on June 21, 1994 and in response to Woodward-Clyde's (WWC) letter dated December 11, 1992, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finds the proposed background sampling locations as described in the Revised Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Work Plan dated January 31, 1994 (Work Plan) to be acceptable at this time.

It is stated in the Work Plan that WWC will consider collecting background samples from the proposed locations, however, the best locations for background sampling will be determined following field reconnaissance. EPA agrees with this approach. In addition, please be advised that it may be necessary to choose alternate background sampling locations should the background samples in the area of the two homesteads and/or in the area west of the site prove to be contaminated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (215) 597-0985 should you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Marino, RPM
DE/MD Section

CC:

J. Patarcity, Beazer
J. Karmazyn, DuPont
M. Margie Zhang, DNREC
P. Ludzia, EPA

AR303690